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Nicaraguan Claim Seeks \$375 Million From U.S.

THE HAGUE, Sept. 20 (AP) — Nicaragua filed a \$375 million compensation claim against the United States at the World Court today.

Nicaraguan representatives, accusing the Reagan Administration of using a "big stick" policy against the Sandinista Government, said the sum represented damages caused by United State aggression.

Nicaragua also asked the Court to order the United States Government to stop supporting anti-Sandinista rebels.

On the last day of oral pleadings in the case, Carlos Argüello, Nicaragua's Ambassador to the Netherlands and head of his nation's legal team, asked for "\$375 million in compensation from the United States, which reflects the minimum direct damage suffered by Nicaragua as a result of the United States violations of international law."

The United States has boycotted the proceedings, asserting that the Court has no jurisdiction. The Court ruled in November that it had such authority.

A Turk in Rome Trial Denies Bulgarian Payoff

Special to The New York Times

ROME, Sept. 20 — A Turkish witness for the prosecution in the papal plot trial denied today that accomplices of Mehmet Ali Agca received \$1.2 million from the Bulgarian secret service to kill Pope John Paul II, as Mr. Agca had charged.

The witness, Yalcin Ozbey, testified that he was in contact with two purported accomplices of Mr. Agca, the Pope's convicted assailant, "in a continuous way" after the 1981 shooting.

"If they had received the money, they would have told me," Mr. Ozbey said. "I would have seen it from their style of life."

Instead, he said, the two, Oral Celik and Sedat Sirri Kadem, visited him in West Germany two or three months after the shooting to borrow money.